

### **Remarks**

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 10, 2006 in which the pending claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as claiming the same invention as claims 13-16 of co-pending application 10/721161.

Before responding substantively to the Office Action, the examiner's attention is respectfully directed to the attached Form PTO-1449, submitted with an IDS filed on the same date (November 26, 2003) as the filing date of the instant application, which was returned with the Office Action. Please note that the foreign document JP11-109996 has not been initialed. The examiner is therefore respectfully requested to consider and initial JP11-109996 and return the fully initialed Form PTO-1449 to the undersigned with the next communication.

Per the above amendment, claims 13 and 15 each have been amended.

The above amendments to claims 13 and 15 are supported by "ISRC (International Standard Recording Code)" in the specification, page 44, line 21 to page 45, line 1. The details of ISRC are available from web site <http://www.ifpi.org/isrc/index.html>, where it is shown that ISRC is information related to copyrights.

With the above amendment, claims 13-16 of the present application are believed to be clearly distinguishable from the claims of co-pending application number 10/721161. Therefore, the provisional double patenting rejection of the pending claims of the instant application under the pending claims of the '161 application is believed to have been overcome.

In anticipation of and to preclude an obviousness-type double patenting rejection, submitted with this amendment is a terminal disclaimer for overcoming any potential

provisional obviousness type double patenting rejection of the pending claims of the instant application from the pending claims of the '161 application.

In light of the above, the examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the application and pass the same to issue at an early date.

Respectfully submitted,



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